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SUBJECT: NATIONALIZATION OF ABECASSIS

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1. SUMMARY ABECASSIS AND STATE DEPARTMENT SHOULD DISREGARD JANUARY 27 LETTER FROM MEDIMOC. VISA FOR FERREIRA IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. MATTER WAS RAISED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER. END SUMMARY.

2. RETURNING TO HIS OFFICE AFER ONE WEEK ABSENCE. SHAFURDINE KHAB OF GPRM FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 13 THAT ABECASSIS AND U.S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD DISREGARD RPT DISREGARD JANUARY 27 LETTER FROM MEDIMOC DESCRIBED REFTTEL. KHAN ASKED EMBASSY TO EMPHASIZE TO DEPARTMENT AND ABECASSIS THAT FERREIRA VISA APPLICATION IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE MINISTERIES OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE SAID THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH WILL HAVE NO ROLE IN DETERMING IF VISA GRANTED BECAUSE SUBJECT IS OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF THE FIRM, NOT HEALTH RELATED MATTER. KHAN APOLOGIZED FOR MEDIMOC LETTER SAYING, " YOU KNOW OUR GOVERNMENT IS VERY DISORGANIZED".

3. WHEN ASKED DECISION MIGHT BE EXPECTED, KHAN REPLIED THAT ACCEPTANCE OF FERREIRA VISIT WILL MEAN THAT "COMPETENT AUTHORITIES" CONFIDENTIAL

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ARE READY TO MEET WITH HIM AND DISCUSS MATTER FULLY. DELAY HAS BEEN LINING UP THESE INDIVIDUALS. KHAN SAID, HE DID NOT WANT FERREIRA TO ARRIVE AND BE UNABLE TO RESOLVE MATTER.

4. KHAN VOLUNTEERED FOUR SECENARIOS WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY GPRM:

A. ABECASSIS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO REUME OPERATIONS AS BEFORE.

B. ABECASSIS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RESUME OPERATIONS WITHOUT THE PORTUGUESE PARTNER.

C. ABECASSIS WOULD REMAIN NATIONALIZED BUT INDEMNIFICATION WOULD BE PAID AMERICAN OWNERS.

D. ABECASSIS WOULD REMAIN NATIONALIZED WITH OUT INDEMNIFICATION.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THESE FOUR ALTERNATIVES ARE ACTIVELY BEING CONSIDERED BY ANYONE BUT KHAN. HOWEVER HE WAS SURPRIZED BY MINISTRY OF HEALTH INSTRUCTIONS AND WANTED IT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK THAT THIS DID NOT REPRESENT GRPM FINAL DECISION ON FERREIRA VISA.

6. NOT FOR THE RECORD: IN MEETING AMBASSADOR HAD WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO FEBRUARY 15, AMBASSADOR NOTED WE WERE AWAITING WORD ON VISA AND SAID THAT DELAYS IN RESOLVING MATTER MIGHT DISCOURAGE FUTURE U.S. INVESTMENT.
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